

CLAIMS

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A dispenser for dispensing a plurality of rolls of toilet paper including a first roll and a second roll, comprising:
 - a. a hollow column, having a first end, and a second end, wherein said second end is open so that said plurality of rolls of toilet paper can be loaded into said hollow column through said second end;
 - b. a removable lid, for closing said second end of said hollow column once said plurality of rolls of toilet paper is loaded;
 - c. wherein said hollow column opens into an ejection port proximate said second end;
 - d. biasing means for urging said plurality of rolls of toilet paper toward said second end of said column, so that said first roll lies proximate said ejection port;
 - e. a carriage, pivotally attached to said hollow column proximate said ejection port, wherein said carriage can be rotated from a closed position wherein said carriage closes said ejection port, to an open position, wherein said carriage ejects said first roll from said hollow column through said ejection port.

2. A dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein said carriage comprises:
 - a. a pivot joint, pivotally connecting said carriage to said hollow column;
 - b. an arcuate wall, located on a first side of said pivot joint and configured to close said ejection port when said carriage is in said closed position; and
 - c. an ejector finger, located on a second side of said pivot joint, so that when said carriage is rotated toward said open position, said ejector finger bears against said first roll and forces said first roll into said ejection port.
3. A dispenser as recited in claim 2, wherein:
 - a. said carriage has a first boundary proximate said second end of said column and a second boundary distal to said second end of said column; and
 - b. said ejector finger is located proximate said second boundary of said carriage, so that when said carriage is rotated toward said open position, said ejector finger lies over said second roll and prevents said second roll moving toward said second end of said column.
4. A dispenser as recited in claim 1, further comprising a spindle within said column.
5. A dispenser as recited in claim 2, further comprising a spindle within said column.
6. A dispenser as recited in claim 3, further comprising a spindle within said column.

7. A dispenser as recited in claim 4, wherein said biasing means for urging said plurality of rolls of toilet paper toward said second end of said column comprises a follower slidably mounted on said spindle and a spring urging said follower toward said second end of said column.
8. A dispenser as recited in claim 5, wherein said biasing means for urging said plurality of rolls of toilet paper toward said second end of said column comprises a follower slidably mounted on said spindle and a spring urging said follower toward said second end of said column.
9. A dispenser as recited in claim 6, wherein said biasing means for urging said plurality of rolls of toilet paper toward said second end of said column comprises a follower slidably mounted on said spindle and a spring urging said follower toward said second end of said column.
10. A dispenser as recited in claim 7, wherein:
 - a. said column opens into a slot; and
 - b. said follower includes a tab, slidably movable within said slot in order to indicate how many rolls are present in said dispenser.
11. A dispenser as recited in claim 8, wherein:
 - a. said column opens into a slot; and
 - b. said follower includes a tab, slidably movable within said slot in order to indicate how many rolls are present in said dispenser.

12. A dispenser as recited in claim 9, wherein:
- a. said column opens into a slot; and
 - b. said follower includes a tab, slidably movable within said slot in order to indicate how many rolls are present in said dispenser.